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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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A motorized window covering, comprising:

a remote control unit;

a transmitter within the remote control unit;

an actuator coupled to the window covering;

a receiver within the actuator, the receiver receiving at least one signal from the transmitter;

a wake-up signal amplifier electrically connected to the receiver;

and

a data signal amplifier electrically connected to the receiver.

The motorized window covering of Claim 1, wherein at least one wake-up signal is transmitted by the transmitter and received by the receiver.

- 3. The motorized window covering of Claim 2, wherein at least one data signal is transmitted by the transmitter and received by the receiver.
- 4. The motorized window covering of Claim 3, wherein the wake-up signal amplifier is energized continuously.
- 5. The motorized window covering of Claim 4, wherein the data-signal amplifier is de-energized until the wake up signal is received at the receiver.
- 6. The motorized window covering of Claim 5, wherein the data-signal amplifier is de-energized if the data signal is not received at the receiver within a predetermined time period.

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A method for controlling a motorized window covering, comprising the acts of:

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deactivating a data signal amplifier; activating a wake-up signal amplifier; and activating the data signal amplifier only in response to a wake-up signal being received by the wake-up signal amplifier.

8. The method of Claim 7, further comprising the act of:
when a data signal is received at the data signal amplifier, operating the motorized window covering in response thereto.

- 9. The method of Claim 8, further comprising the act of:
 if a data signal is not received within a predetermined time period, deactivating the data signal amplifier.
- 10. The method of Claim 7, wherein the wake-up signal is generated by a remote control unit.
- 11. The method of Claim 8, wherein the data signal is generated by a remote control unit.
- A system for controlling a motorized window covering, comprising:
 an actuator mechanically coupled to an operator of the window covering;

a receiver within the actuator;

- a wake-up signal amplifier electrically connected to the receiver;
- a data signal amplifier electrically connected to the receiver; and
- a processor within the actuator, the processor including a program for controlling the actuator in response to at least one wake-up signal and at least one data signal being received by the receiver.

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- 13. The system of Claim 12, wherein the program includes:

 means for deactivating a data signal amplifier;

 means for activating a wake-up signal amplifier; and

 means for activating the data signal amplifier only in response to a wake-up signal being received by the wake-up signal amplifier.
- 14. The system of Claim 13, wherein the program further includes:

 means for operating the motorized window covering in response to the data signal being received by the receiver.
- 15. The system of Claim 14 wherein the program further includes:

 means for deactivating the data signal amplifier if a data signal is not received within a predetermined time period.
- 16. The system of Claim 12, further comprising: means for generating the wake-up signal.
- 17. The system of Claim 12, further comprising: means for generating the data signal.
- 18. The system of Claim 12, further comprising a head rail supporting a motor of the actuator and holding at least one battery electrically connected to the motor.
- 19. The system of Claim 18, wherein the at least one battery is an alkaline or Lithium battery.
- 20. The system of Claim 18, wherein the at least one battery is the sole source of power for the motor.